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Social Security was never meant to be taxed by the Federal Government let alone the states. Even though my first husband passed away at 46 years of age and he allowed me to get part of his pension for life, it is only \$228 a month. We were married for 25 yrs. and had 5 children. I remarried 5 years later to a widower (married 31 years who died from complications of Type 1 diabetes) who had to learn peritoneal dialysis 3 to 4 times a day and still try to work and take care of her and his 2 children his wage was not as large as my first husband's was and so when I had to take early retirement because of being diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma stage III. I took an experimental chemo and survived and went back to work early and still half dead because social security wouldn't grant me disability even though the Oncologist certified that I would be disabled for at least a year and probably 18 mos. Meanwhile, my husband was diagnosed with type II diabetes and Congestive Heart Failure. My first husband, after spending 10 years in Special Operations in the Navy on subs, went to work for GE & General Signal and always paid the maximum amount. However, because of my morals, I remarried at 51 years of age and only collected on my first husband's SS 1 year for me and 2 yrs for my daughter and 4 years for my youngest son. They were with their father when he suddenly passed and at 13 & 15 were having mental difficulties. Medical bills have gobbled up my present husband's meager pension and all of mine so all we have to live on is ss. It didn't help when there weren't any raises and prices did go up. I am sure that we are not the only ones with dire outcome. We are just barely hanging on and trying to pay off debts acquired while I was ill. We didn't ask for or get any help from anyone. My husband has had 2 TBI's and a full stroke in the last 2 years. Social Security funds should be paid back by the Federal Government and states should never be allowed to tax it.